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## : The Mail Wishes All Its Readers a Very Merry Christmas :

FAREWELL MEET  
OF THE COUNCIL  
OF YEAR 1915No Tears Are Shed nor Mention  
Made of the Coming Disso-  
lution—Another Election

On Monday night council held its final meeting, and broke up without even a goodbye or a "Merry Christmas" to each other. There were some who were expecting an oyster supper at the expense of the mayor, but he being away Acting Mayor Travis would not take theonus of the supper and so everybody went home to bed hungry and (thirsty) too.

The first item on the programme was the resignation of Geo. Yates, who in a nice way told the aldermanic board that he just couldn't qualify—meaning he hadn't the property qualifications—and consequently his resignation was accepted without comment.

This, of course led up to the business of appointed another nomination day, and it was moved by Connolly and Milroy that Monday, Jan. 3, be the day, and the hope was expressed that a good man be nominated in his stead—or words to that effect.

The school board asked for a Christmas present of \$20,000.00, salaries, etc., and the council said soon the taxes are paid and the money in the bank will give the board this amount and that the general fund get it back again from the school fund when available.

Jas. Barber wanted to know if the council couldn't give him \$100 because his 7-month-old colt died on their hands from alleged improper feeding, but the council didn't think that was so. Acting Mayor Travis deemed it ridiculous to talk about it. Purcell wanted legal advice on the matter, but Connolly and McCaughey showed where they stood by fathering a motion that the request be not granted. This carried unanimously.

Bower & Co. appeared on behalf of G. M. Plante and asked that his client be permitted to install a gasoline tank outside his store which would be thoroughly fenced and would not interfere with the sidewalk at all. Hon. Connolly looked around and found no soldier or representative present, so the following motion passed.

Connolly—Milroy—that the town solicitor or his representative be requested to be present at future meetings during the whole session of the council.

Then the council came back to the tank proposition. Connolly sticking out that the present council had no right to place any undue restrictions on future councils, and therefore be moved that the request be granted provided the tank could be removed by future councils any time they wanted to. The motion found no seconder. The following motion then passed:

Milroy—Purcell—that the request of Bower & Co. be granted, tank to be placed under the sidewalk in front of the store.

James Jensen wrote requesting the use of the same tract of the industrial site under the same conditions as last year, pointing out that he had kept the land in good shape and free from weeds, etc.

The council, however, thought

## WHY LIGHTS GO OUT

Alderman McCaughey at last council meeting told the aldermen that it was just possible the lights would go out at about midnight and be on again in the morning.

This McCaughey explained, would be for a short time only, and would be the wise thing to do as some of the machinery got very hot under the collar if run all night, and sometimes spit out fire. This portends a shutdown unless the machinery has a rest once in a while, he says, "and it would be wise to heed the warning."

Just now the plant is in the hands of the trusts & Guantance Co., as trustees, and this is one of the best firms on the continent to do business with, but as trustees they cannot very well spend money buying new machinery. When the plant is sold the new proprietors may fix it up so that it can run all night.

## LETTER FROM THE FRONT

The following letter from somewhere in France, has been received by W. MacLean of the sheep ranch, from his brother Pte. Magnus MacLean:

I got your welcome letter a few days ago, although I am still in France. I am going to write you a few lines in reply. We are getting along fine and have lost very few men considering what we have come through. It has been very wet weather now for about three weeks, and the mud and water are ankle deep, but we are getting used to it and can almost go to sleep in water.

We haven't shot all the Germans yet, but we have great hopes of doing so, whenever we get a chance at them. I am glad to have that the alderman has got to Scotland again, r'aven't got his address or I would write him a letter, but I guess he knows mine. I had a letter from Jack of the Hills, but he didn't give much news. It is pretty nice to get a letter with all the details of the district when one is so far away from home, but I am not very good at answering them, and one seldom gets the time nor the place to write letters out here.

It was pretty sad about Shantz dying, he seemed to be quite a nice fellow. Well this is all right now, will try and write a longer letter next time if the Huns don't get me. Pte. Magnus MacLean

that the tract could be better put to the use of the town for raising oats, etc., and it was moved by Milroy and Purcell that the request be not granted.

Secretary-Treasurer Bond pointed out in a report that the bank gave interest on only the minimum monthly balance of the sinking fund. Purcell and McCaughey moved that the matter be looked into by the finance committee.

The reports of the returning officer, the secretary-treasurer re trip to Calgary, the sale of lots, the financial report, the waterworks and police were adopted.

Alderman Purcell complained that he had been charged up with \$6 for water in a vacuum building. He thought that the reason there was \$1.25 excess during the time the price was computed which Mr. Purcell did not know about, so he will pay this amount and the bill will be written off.

## HELLO SANTA CLAUS!



Don't forget to call on the editor and his devil this year with a whole lot of renewed subscriptions.

## A Christmas Message

By Rev. D. G. Schorfield, M. A.  
Rector of the Church of the Blessed Virgin

With the arms of the nations still locked in death grip the Christian message of Peace may seem incongruous to many sorrowing hearts. Some lightly speak of the bankruptcy of Christianity and would expect the Christ to apologize for its existence. Not seldom in the world's history has the downfall of religion been prophesied so we may well hope this may never happen, for it would mean the disruption of civilization.

We are learning, however, that Peace has no necessary connection with ease or neutrality, that the followers of the Prince of Peace are not expected to avoid the great issues of life, but to strive to attain that peace which comes from the knowledge of having fought a good fight. May we know at this Christmastide the peace of a satisfied conscience.

## The Joy of Christmas

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," the Heavenly minister sang, And at his messages of joy the vault of Heaven rang:

But now, Alas! dear joy is dead, slain by the sword of Hate,

This old world relents in anguish and bewails its awful fate

Is Christmas then an empty name, has it no need of cheer?

For saddened, burdened, weary hearts oppressed with grief and fear?

Has Bethlehem no word of Hope to comfort and sustain?

When bowed by grim doubt's heavy load we falter 'neath the strain?

O foolish one whom wily thou learn that joy is born through pain

That only as we give and lose we find and we attain?

Upon that Syrian manger fell the shadow of a Cross

And Heaven's best boon is given to those who triumph over loss.

Through dark and stormy skies of gloom shines forth the radiant star,

To give its light and leading to all nations near and far;

And only as we bear our load of sacrifice and tears

'Shall we learn the joy of Christmas as we travel down the years.'

WILFRID S. BROOKES, Bassano, Christmas 1915.

## PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS

The Honourable T. Chas. Casgrain, Postmaster General of Canada, has been successful, as a result of negotiations entered into with the Imperial Postal Authorities, in effecting an arrangement with the British Government whereby parcels sent to Canada for Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders will be transported at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the Expeditionary Forces on the Continent; that is,

For parcels weighing up to three pounds, 2¢ cents.

For parcels weighing over three pounds and not more than seven pounds, 2¢ cents.

For parcels weighing over seven pounds and not more than eleven pounds, 3¢ cents.

This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of relief to the Canadian people. The parcel service has been brought by Canada Post, leaving all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the Postmaster General, that further notice, no parcel can exceed weighing over seven pounds.

## HAD SOME CROPS

P. W. Crandall of the Dominion Farming Co., on Monday settled up the business here and left for Gleichen, and will shortly take a trip to the coast.

Mrs. Crandall reports a very successful year, and is contemplating putting in 1,500 acres next year in the Bassano district.

He also reports that a farm of 100 acres on the reserve near Gleichen, which the company had out on shares netted him with his one-half acre alone sufficient money to live on for which the seed, the threshing, the hauling, the fencing and in fact all expenses, and still leave him \$81.50 in pocket.

## NEEDS OF BELGIUM

The needs of chunky little Belgium, with a hard winter coming on, are increasing rapidly, and the Central Relief Committee for the victims of the war in Belgium is again calling for assistance.

A recent report from Herbert Hoover, the devoted President of the Commission for Relief in Belgium contains the following painful statement:

"The growing and gloomy problem is the size of the material mass of over 5,000,000 Belgians without food and further into destitution."

As the public is aware, whatever their origin may be, the goods destined for relief in Belgium are transmitted to their destination by the above Commission, which is collected entirely in the United States and thus, as a consequence especially to the British Empire.

In certain quarters, the impression prevails that the Commission for Relief in Belgium had assumed the heavy burden of feeding the Belgian population from the date of its organization.

On the other hand, the Commission of the co-operation of the other countries especially to the British Empire.

We are on the threshold of a new winter, which will be hard and painful to the stricken population.

On the other hand, the Commission of the co-operation of the other countries especially improved in a remarkable manner.

Yet, who has not spared the horrors of invasion, will you once more, as you so generously did last winter, give a contribution to those who are most sacrificed, itself, in the defence of the noble principles at stake in the gigantic struggle in which we are all involved?

It is all we are asking for the Belgian cause, that you help them in their direst hour, in their direst affliction, of deliverance.

It is estimated that a bag of flour costing only \$2.00 would make enough good two Belgians for a month. Is it asking too much to have a bag of flour?

Your cheques or money orders may be addressed either to the provincial or local committees of our Work or directly to the Central Executive Committee of the Relief work for the Victims of War in Belgium, which will duly acknowledge receipt.

The Central Executive Committee, 36 St. Peter Street, Montreal.

## MARRIED

LEE—McKELVEY—On Wednesday, Dec. 22, by Rev. D. G. Schorfield, Dennis Lee, and Jennie McKelvey, both of Idylleleigh.

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WOMEN WORKING IN  
MUNITION FACTORIES

In France as well as in England many women have taken the place of men in the munition factories, included among these workers are Lady Colebrooke, Lady Catherc and others of Nobility and Society.





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**THE MESSAGE OF THE STAR**

Christmas is here once again! It is the season of "Peace, Good Will to All Men," and while discordant Europe is afame with fire and anger, and the spirit of the season seems to be turned topsy turvy in the old world and every man's hand seems turned against his neighbour's, yet we can at least comfort ourselves with the assurance that even this reversal of the spirit of the season is aiming toward the ultimate and permanent establishment of the message of the Star, "Peace, Good Will to All Men."

About twenty centuries ago the Babe in the manger was hailed as the Savior of mankind. He was hailed to this universe as the Herald of Peace, and the faith of the Christian—which is today terribly tried in the face of the fierce conflict in Europe—is still as strong as ever in the message of the Star.

Come what may there must be no shaking in the faith of the Christian in the announcement of the first Christmas day—he through twenty centuries has believed in that message, and he still believes in it stronger than ever. "Peace, Good Will" was that day emblazoned on the sky, and yet for thirty-three years the life of our Savior was one of constant turmoil—a fight for recognition with buffeting, scourging, sweating of great drops of blood, and culminating in the cruel crucifixion. Yet that he was lived that the message of the Star might be realized on this earth, and it will be.

On that first Christmas day shepherds came bringing presents of gold, frank incense and myrrh to the Harbinger of Peace, in recognition of the message of the Star, and twenty centuries later that spirit and custom still maintains. At this time no discordant element should ring—and while in devastated Europe the clash of arms is dominant yet through it all the Christian with prophetic eye can see, in the not far distant future; the sword beaten into the plowshare and the sabre into the pruning hook.

Let us who live on this continent lay aside all differences at this time, forget our petty grievances, and try to live as the Savior lived, forgiving our enemies and doing good to those who despicably use us. By so doing we can with confidence assert that we are hastening the time when the message of the Star will be the axiom the world over.

**THE EMPTY STOCKING**

Christmas is essentially the children's festival season; the time of the year when every child

should be made happy. The shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem brought their presents to the Babe in the manger at the commencement of the Christian era, and the custom still prevails.

For weeks past the children of this town have been looking forward to this one day of the year and a visit from Santa Claus. We don't know where Santa Claus came from nor when he entered into the life of the children. But come he did, he is still here and we hope he will always remain. He is idealized in the mind of the child by perhaps an innocent deception on the part of the older folks, and it comes as rather a rude awakening to the budding mind when that ideal is shattered. So keep the child as young as you can as long as you can.

Perhaps there may be children in this town who may not be visited by Santa Claus this year. This should not be, and it is surely up to the older folks to see that this is not so. Imagine the tearful face of the unhappy youngster who wakes on Christmas morning to find an empty stocking. That even this reversal of the spirit of the season is aiming toward the ultimate and permanent establishment of the message of the Star, "Peace, Good Will to All Men."

The opening of the new post office on Saturday last marks another era in the history of the town (as our reporter would say.) The building has been ready for some time, but some way or other the new fittings have been delayed, and in the meantime new post offices have been handled through this office and the mail has been increasing so rapidly that the big staff of two kept at this point were fairly tumbling over the mail bags that piled up from floor to roof in the old building. In fact you almost had to peer through a pile of what appeared to be sandbags to even get a glimpse of the staff.

John S. Mavor has frequently attempted to hustle the folks up at Ottawa over the matter, and at last got the compromise of putting the old fittings in the new office, and now the patrons would rather go up the steps of the new office for a dinner than into the old office for a marked cheque.

It is reported that during the Irrigation Congress here a certain lady (we don't know who it was) was heard to remark "Why I wouldn't come up town today only I had to do some shopping, for I hate to hear those ignorant farmers talk." Now surely a Bassano lady wouldn't say that about a farmer this year.

George Geber's rheumatism has left him almost. He thinks he will be in shape to frame up next Christmas. He will invite all his wives to Christmas dinner at the Berkeley hotel—which has been managed so efficiently. In the evening he will meet them all at the Alberta hotel for a dance, and No. 3 will lead the dance. There is quite a change in George's staff from a year ago—they were eating turkeys last Christmas, and soup bones this Christmas.

At this glad season of the year The Mail takes occasion to wish its every reader—even to Balifil Macgregor—a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Happy New Year

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The Ford Runabout is \$480; the Coupe \$750; the Sedan \$850; the Town car \$780. All prices are f.o.b. Ford, Ontario. All cars complete including electric headlights. Cars on sale at

ROY SMITH, Dealer

**SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS**

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and Yukon Territory, and of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at a rate not exceeding \$100 per acre, but not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

The lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights are located.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions, and in un-surveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

The fee will be \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but the lessee will be required to pay a sum equal to the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The lessee must furnish the Agent with sworn returns

accounting for the full quantity of coal mined and sold by him in any year.

If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such rights should be offered to another lessee.

The lessor will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to make application for the surface rights if the coal mining rights are not being operated, such rights should be offered to another lessee.

The lessee may take a purchased homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts.

Price \$400 per acre, and \$100 per acre in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

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be a celebration of Holy Communion  
immediately following. To make  
it possible for all communicants of  
the church to renew their vows on  
that Holy Day, there will be an  
early celebration at 8:30 a.m.

Pete Mann of Cohnerville, was  
in town last Thursday getting deco-  
rated up for Christmas.

**Classified Ads.****TO RENT**

Furnished house with furnace for the  
winter months. Apply Mail Office.

**LOST**

On Main street, on Thursday night, a  
pocket book containing a sum of money.  
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--AND--

**Happy New Year**

The Home Dressed Meat Market has been making  
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Dressed Meat Market wishes to thank all its customers for  
their patronage.

Some time ago we made the statement we were  
going to give a prize, but the older folks came to the  
conclusion that it would be advisable to give the little folks  
a treat on Christman Eve.

**It doesn't matter whether  
there are 100 or 1,000  
Children**

and it doesn't matter whether these children  
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**Everybody Treated the Same!**

**Notice to Stockmen  
and Cattlemen, etc.**

The Home Dressed Meat Market will enlarge its  
business during the coming year to sell stock to the trade.  
We will make an announcement in this respect next  
month after a meeting is held. It would be advisable for  
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I can show you where the Pittsburgh, Pa., Home  
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BASSANO, ALBERTA

**The Bassano  
Time Table****GOING WEST**

No. 1.....1.30 o'clock.

No. 3.....13.33 o'clock.

**GOING EAST**

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No. 4.....18.25 o'clock.

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## A Merry Christmas

During the year past our Customers have been increasing in numbers, BECAUSE  
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## A Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year

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G. W. BOYD, Manager

## A Merry Christmas

and A

## Happy New Year

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

"The Quality Store"

**HENDRY &  
JOHNSTON**

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

School closed today and will re-open Jan. 3rd.

P. Currie will spend the Christmas holidays in Castor.

Barry—In Bassano, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry, a son.

Fred Hawkins left on Sunday last for California to spend the winter.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on the first Wednesday in January.

Attention is called to the Merry Christmas advals. of the many town merchants.

Jack Allen leaves for Edmonton on Friday for the Christmas holidays.

P. A. Long and J. J. Tyler of Brooks (somewhere in Alberta) celebrated the week end in town.

The new post office was opened to the public on Saturday of last week, the fittings of the old office being used until the new fittings arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. VanOrsdel of the Crowfoot Farming Co., left on Friday of last week to spend the winter in California.

Quite a large number of farmers and residents of the town are taking in the eastern excursions to spend the Christmas holidays.

Hendry & Johnston gave The Mail an order for 2,500 letter heads this week. They will probably spend Christmas letter writing.

Mr. Davis who has been in the Union bank for the past month or so left on Saturday for Macleod (he hated to go). His place has been taken by Mr. Gardner.

The Hunter hotel is so crowded these days that the employees are crawling into one other's underclothes. This is what happened one morning when Koch getting up in the dark climbed into Larkin's mother garments.

The "at home" in aid of the salary of the pastor of the Anglican

church on Friday night last was well attended, and considerable money was taken in. We haven't learned yet whether the preacher is any kind of a dancer or not.

Major Flanagan has gone east for the Christmas holidays. In the meantime Alderman Geo. Travis is mayor as well as postmaster.

Don't forget the Sunday School entertainment and Christmas tree in the Presbyterian church tomorrow night.

G. A. McClary left for the east yesterday to spend Christmas, and J. H. Weaver is dispensing Christmas cheer in the liquor store.

Chief Clyne has been appointed a member of the refreshment committee of the Firemen's dance on New Year's eve, and of course will be visiting all the ladies during the next few days soliciting refreshments. Don't turn him down as John is very bashful.

Services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday will be held both morning and evening. In the morning Rev. W. S. Brooke will talk to the children on "The story of the Other Wise Men;" in the evening the subject will be "The Message of Christmas."

### MINSTELS AT HUTTON PLAY FOR CHARITY

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the programme an indispensable touch of vim. The two solo, "Monkey Doodle Dandy" and "My Hale, Hale Love" were given by Rufus Blossom (T. E. Wall) in his humorous and intangible style. The clowns also had a night of fun, and were ably rendered by Peter Wilson (Jack Biggs). Jim Goodwin showed marked ability in filling the position of master of ceremonies and in closing the programme moved unanimous votes of the audience to give him a standing ovation. He was most appropriate for the training of the singer, James Johnson of Bassano for kindly assisting the endmen in securing costumes, etc., and the audience for their presence and appreciation.



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and  
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New Year*  
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both in town and country

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And A

## Happy New Year

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Any of the following bulletins in which you are interested will be mailed free on application to the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C. Complete reference set will also be supplied lumber dealers on request.

1. General Purpose Barns

2. Dairy Barns

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